वर्ष 1992-93 तक कितनी धनराशि बकाया थी ; और

(ख) इस धनराशि को वसूल करने के लिये सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे है ?

विद्युत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी.वी. रंगैया नायडू) : (क) और (ख) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Electricity tariff for agricultural consumption

217. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN; Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the rates of electricity tariff applicable for agricultural consumption per unit per horse power per year for various slabs of motor capacity; and

(b) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) The supply of power to the agricultural sector is being made on Flat Rate Tariff and Metered Supply. The Flat Rate Tariff is being followed in the States of J & K. Punjab, U.P., Haryana, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. The rates for flat tariff and metered supply tariff during 1991-92 in various states and given in the Statement enclosed. (See below).

Statement

Statement showing the rates of agricultural tariff during 1991-92.

		Flat tariff for 5 HPs per annum (Rs.)	Metered supply Tariff (Rs./kwh)
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	500.00	0.00
2.	Bihar	1350.00	35.00
3.	Gujarat	960.00	0.00
4.	Haryana	1500.00 (Option of tariff upto 26 HP)	32.35
5.	Himachal Pradesh	0.00	30.00
6	Karnataka	0.00	20.00
7.	Kerala	0.00	22.00
8.	Madhya Pradesh	0.00	16.00
9.	Maharashtra	1000.00 (Option of tariffs)	32.00
10.	Orissa	0.00	34.00

11.	Punjab	1140.00 (Option of tariffs)	25.00
12.	Rajasthan	600.00	50.0$_0$
13.	Tamil Nadu	(Upto 2.5 acre free) 250.00	
14.	Uttar Pradesh	1300.00	0.00
15.	West Bengal	0.00	55.00
16.	Assam	0.00	50.00
17.	Meghalaya	0.00	25.00

Electrification of villages

218. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of villages electrified so far;

(b) what is the number of villages without electricity so far: and

(c) the steps taken to accelerate the programme of electrification in the remaining villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) As per available information, by the end of March, 1993, the number of electrified villages were 4,90,896 (including non-Census and uninhabited villages) while 90,969 villages were yet to be electrified in the country.

(c) Subject to the availability of resources, efforts are being continued to electrify the remaining villages. During the year 1993-94. 3210 villages are programmed for electrification.

Setting up of thermal power plants by foreign companies in Bihar

219. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some foreign based giant power companies have offered to set up coal based thermal power plants in Bihar with huge foreign investments;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action Government have taken on such offers:

(c) if Bihar has not been chosen by the foreign companies for establishing power plants whether Government propose to persuade them to opt for Bihar for the purpose; and

(d) if not. the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a] No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(C) Private investments have been invited for setting up power projects in all parts *of* India.

(d) Does not arise.